THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The allocation and disbursement of funds for R.E. Programme in U.P. and Orissa upto the end of February, 1992 is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

S. No.	*Name of State*	*Allocation*	*Disbursement*
1.	U.P.	68.32	41.07
2.	Orissa	33.6	26.89

The U.P. Govt. has recently requested for reduction of target of village electrification, due to which funds are not likely to be fully utilised. In the case of Orissa, the balance allocation is likely to be utilised by the end of March, 1992.

(c) The Planning Commission has allocated Rs. 75 crores and Rs. 40.45 crores to U.P. and Orissa respectively for the next financial year.

[*English*]

Equity Participation by Foreign firms in Power Generation

3073. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to allow 100% equity participation by foreign firms and foreigners in power generation, and in its distribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response to this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have notified the details of the policy to encourage private enterprises participation in the electricity sector in the Gazette Notification No. 237 dated 22.10.90. The Electricity Laws (Amendment) Act, 1991 which came into force with effect from 15.10.1991, provides for a liberalised legal frame-work for the implementation of the scheme to encourage private enterprises participation in electricity generation, supply and distribution as well as widening the scope of private enterprises participation in the electricity sector. The policy frame-work in this regard provides for electricity projects to be set up by foreign private investors with foreign equity participation upto 100%. The condition of dividend balancing by export earnings which is normally applied to cases of foreign investment upto 51% equity will not be applicable to such foreign investment in the power sector.

(c) Foreign investment proposals have been received for equity participation in five power projects for installation of 490 MW.

Supply of Iron from China

3074. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to import iron ore from China; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

A-320 Airbus deal

3075. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA:
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA:
SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL:
SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM BADAN:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made into the enquiry of alleged pay off in the purchase deal of A-320 airbus;

(b) the name of the investigating agency inquiry into the aforesaid deal; and

(c) the time by which the investigation is likely to be completed and the latest position of the case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The purchase deal of airbus A-320 is being investigated by Central Bureau of Investigation in a regular case registered on 29.3.1990. Most of the investigation to be conducted in India has been completed. As regards investigation outside India, the Competent Court in Delhi have issued the Letters Rogatory to USA, UK and France, District Courts of Illinois and Washington have already executed the letters rogatory. It is difficult to specify any time limit for the completion of investigation at this stage.

[*Translation*]

Demand and Supply of Power in Uttar Pradesh

3076. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply of power in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government propose to accord approval for more power houses in Uttar Pradesh in view of the power shortage in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) During the period April, 91–February, 92 the energy requirement in Uttar Pradesh was 28710 million units against which the availability was 25818 million units.

(b) and (c). Schemes aggregating to about 3000 MW have been sanctioned for implementation in Uttar Pradesh in the State Sector.

Western Kosi Canal

3077. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: